

Having Good Thoughts About Allah : by Shaykh ‘Abdur Razzaaq Ibn ‘Abdul Muhsin

April 20, 2014

Compilation of Tweets from the lecture, “Having Good Thoughts About Allah” by Dawud Adib (hafidhahullah)

Having good thoughts of Allah is an enormous act of worship and has a lofty position for those seeking to get close to Allah. It is one of the obligations of Tawheed; in fact, the Tawheed of the slave will not be correct except by having good assumptions of Allah

Having good assumptions of Allah brings about praiseworthy effects and beneficial fruits in this life and the next

Jaabir (radhiyAllahu ‘anhu) said, “Three days before the Messenger (sallAllahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) died he said, **‘Do not allow anyone of you to die except that he is perfecting his assumptions about Allah.’**”

Side Benefit: The ‘Ulamaa` pay close attention to those statements and actions of the Prophet (sallAllahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) that happen close to his death by days, weeks or months because the revelation is about to cease

Having good thoughts about Allah will produce good actions; and this comes from having knowledge of Allah – one is the result of the other.

Hasan al-Basree (rahimahullah) said, **“Verily, when the believer perfects his thoughts about his Rabb, he would have perfected his actions and the faajir is the one who has corrupted his thoughts of his Lord, so his actions will also be corrupted.”**

Deeply reflect upon this consistent, strong connection between having good thoughts of Allah and good actions. It is based upon having good knowledge of Allah, specifically about his Lofty Names and Perfect Attributes.

If you know the Name of Allah, **Al-Ghaffaar**, then you have to perfect your thoughts about Him when you make istighfaar.

If you deeply ponder upon His Beautiful Name, **At-Tawwaab** and that Allah will accept the repentance of His servants and pardon them for their offences, then it is upon you to perfect your assumptions of Him, that He will accept your repentance regardless of what your offense is

If some of the calamities of this world or pain afflicts you, even some of those diseases that are called incurable or fatal, it is upon you to perfect your assumptions about Allah, that He is **Ash-Shaafee** and there is no remedy or healing except His healing.

“Who has created me, and it is He Who guides me; And it is He Who feeds me and gives me to drink. And when I am ill, it is He who cures me; And Who will cause me to die, and then will bring me to life (again)” [Soorah ash-Shu’araa` :78-81]

These aayaat indicate that Ibraaheem (‘alayhis salaam) had good thoughts about Allah. He did not attribute becoming sick to Allah as he attributed creation, guidance and sustenance to Him. He did not say “when Allah makes me ill” – he attributed this to himself

In your du’aa to Allah for the good things of this dunyaa and aakhirah, you must perfect your thoughts about Allah that He will answer you

“And your Lord said: ‘Invoke Me, I will respond to your (invocation). Verily! Those who scorn My worship will surely enter Hell in humiliation!” [Soorah Ghaafir: 60]

“And when My slaves ask you (O Muhammad) concerning Me, then (answer them), I am indeed near (to them by My Knowledge) I respond to the invocations of the supplicant when he calls on Me.” [Soorah al-Baqarah: 186]

Having good thoughts about Allah is from the most tremendous blessings and greatest bounties that Allah gives to whomever He wishes

Ibn Abi Dunyaa (rahimahullah) said in “Having Good Thoughts AboutAllah”: ‘Abdullah Ibn Mas’ood (radhiyAllahu ‘anhu) said, **“I swear by The One Who there is none worthy of worship but Him. A believing slave has not been given anything better than having good assumptions about Allah.”**

Then he (Ibn Mas’ood) said, **“And I swear by the One Who there is nothing worthy of worship but Him, that there is no slave who perfects his assumption of Allah except that Allah will give him what he assumed and all of that good is in the Hand of Allah.”**

It is said that whoever is more knowledgeable of Allah will be the most fearing of Him and whoever is most fearing of Him will be foremost in acts of worship and will be furthest from acts of disobedience

As Allah says, **“It is only those who have knowledge among His slaves that fear Allah.”** [Soorah Faatir :28]

Indeed, having good thoughts is constructed upon perfecting your knowledge and understanding of Allah. This produces good actions and obedience, and will be your share and portion of the People of Eemaan; this is a description of the People of Eemaan

The munaafiqoon and mushrikoon have no share regarding having good thoughts of Allah. In fact, they have bad thoughts of Allah

It is a sign of nifaaq and kufr to have bad thoughts of Allah because those who have bad thoughts of Him are those who do not believe in Him

“And that He may punish the Munaafiqoon, men and women, and also the Mushrikoon men and women, who think evil thoughts about Allah for them is a disgraceful torment, and the Anger of Allah is upon them, and He has cursed them and prepared Hell for them and worst indeed is that destination.” [Soorah al-Fath :6]

Thus, the scholars have said that there is no punishment mentioned in the Qur’aan more severe than that for having bad thoughts about Allah

They have bad thoughts of Allah due to their disbelief in Allah, their corrupted ‘Aqeedah and the deviation in their hearts